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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Newly submitted claims 17-35 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons:

Claims 17-35 are drawn to method of using a wound-treatment product. Had these claims been presented at the outset with the claims to the wound-treatment product and method of making, a restriction between the method of using and the method of making would have been made with the non-allowable product being examined with the elected group.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention of the product and its method of making, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 17-35 have been withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on March 19, 2001 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

Due to the restriction by original presentation, all claims of record in the case are withdrawn from consideration. Therefore, there are no claims present for examination.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this

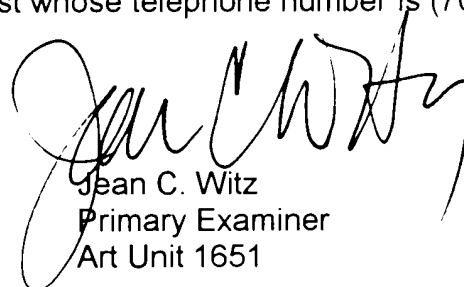
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notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jean C. Witz whose telephone number is (703) 308-3073. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. M-Th and alternate Fridays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Wityshyn can be reached on (703) 308-4743. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 308-4242 for regular communications and (703) 308-4242 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.



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